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Bravery in the face of tragedy.

Bruised and beaten in body and soul, Kenna rises from the ashes of her old life to decide which path she must now tread. One direction leads her back to her promising career. The other, wherever the music takes her.

Still reeling from nearly losing his Baby Girl, Phil holds Kenna at arm's length as he desperately searches his soul for a way forward. He knows that a future without his woman isn't one worth living, but the long road ahead is proving treacherous to their relationship.

Can Phil and Kenna stay strong on the highway through hell? Or will impending disaster destroy all they've created together?

## **The Song Remains the Same Details**

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## From Reader Review The Song Remains the Same for online ebook

### Kim says

Kelli Jean you own me lady! What a treat this was for me. I have read hundreds of books but nothing and I mean nothing has ever had this effect on me. I will read anything with your name on it. As a friend said every word in this book was necessary... Phil and Kenna and their merry band of misfits has found a place in my heart forever. Epic love story! The writing is out of this world.. From the first sentence to the last in book held my attention. I could read this trilogy again and again!!! I just might have left a piece of my heart with Phil and Kenna.

A must read for all you romance readers out there!!!

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### Melanie Douglas says

FUCK THIS BOOK! I've been brought to cursing. I'm so livid. I don't know if I've ever been SO DISAPPOINTED OR PISSED OFF IN MY LIFE! WTF HAPPENED! I would never recommend this series, based off this book. What the hell was that?? I neverrrrr write scalding reviews, because I think it's rude to really judge an author's "art".. But this was TERRIBLE! I absolutely LOVED books one and two!! Even re read them MULTIPLE TIMES. I don't even think I can write one nice thing about this. Everything about this story was terrible. Soooo angry!

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### Sharon ☺ is an emotional book junkie ☺ says

Phil and Kenna have a big challenge ahead of them and unfortunately that's not the only thing to test their relationship. They've come so far, they just need to hold on and be true to themselves...and each other.

And boy...do they have challenges! I thought they had already been through enough but that was nothing compared to what goes on in this book. I have to give them credit...they are both handling things fairly well until the last one and that's a humdinger.

What I like about KJ is that she's not afraid to go *there*. It's also what I don't like and I like emotional, angsty books!

**The Problem(s) Remains The Same...**and that's that there is just too much going on. Too many dramas, too many heartbreaks and basically not enough happy times. I was wrung out!

But...it was worth it. Like I've said before, this couple's connection is the be-all, end-all...it's that good. And it's not only them but their family and friends that add so much to the story.

And thank goodness for that *amazing* epilogue!! I'm sooo happy with the way things ended and I loved what they did to Phil...perfect!

Now, can we just get a story for Alys, Lili, Connor and Devon? That would make me even happier!

### **Favorite quote:**

♥ “You feel like heaven,” he whispered. “Like home.”

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### **Patti K says**

When I reviewed Over the Hills and Far Away, I saw something in Kenna which spoke to me, made me think of Diana Gabaldon's Brianna Randall Fraser MacKenzie, daughter of Claire and Jamie Fraser. Her strength of character, her convictions, her stubbornness, her appearance, all of those things reminded me of Bree. I mentioned then that I'd always loved Bree, but that I knew many devoted readers had issues with her - she wasn't 'enough' for them. By the time I'd read only 25% of The Song Remains the Same, I was struck by how easily this story could be mistaken for a (well-executed) fanfiction from a Gabaldon devotee who'd wanted a better version of Bree. What I knew that most people don't, (because I'd asked her about it when the blog review book 1), is that Kelli had never read Outlander or any of its sequels before she wrote this series. That she captured so much of the same essence, not just of Bree, but of the love between her and Roger, their own epic story within Gabaldon's cannon, is uncanny.

Maybe it's my own love of epic tales, of the saga in its best form, that has me seeing a parallel to Gabaldon. Or maybe it's just that Kelli is also a truly talented writer. No, this series is not a sci-fi/romance/fantasy/historical hybrid. It is contemporary (though, as you will see in The Song Remains the Same, maybe not quite so much as you are lead to believe for much of the series), it does not involve wars or time travel, it focuses on the music business, and it is more overtly sexual. But you would expect that of a rock star story. What you would be surprised to find is that Kelli brings a depth to that genre few can truly claim. The only music-focused story I've read that digs so deep is Laurie Breton's Coming Home (and the subsequent Danny/Casey/Rob-focused books in her Jackson Falls series), but you won't find the same immersion in the rock star life (including the level of debauchery). I think that's maybe a reflection of the writer's generation more than anything. If you can stomach the sex, drugs, and language, like contemporary stories, and are a fan of either Gabaldon or Breton (or both, like me) and their storytelling, you will enjoy this series.

Be prepared for tears. Many of them. Even ones when you wouldn't expect to cry. Also expect smiles and laughs. This is an epic conclusion to the saga, after all.

In the end, I changed my mind a bit. When I read Over the Hills and Far Away, I wanted a crazy series of stories to explore all the secondary characters. And while I wouldn't mind a love story for Brian or Devon to come along at some point, I won't be as disappointed as I thought I would be in the beginning if the series does not continue. One of the best parts of this series, and why I think it's more a saga than just an epic love story about soulmates, is that this is also the story of the band. Each member gets their own side story, and we live that through the eyes of Kenna and Phil, who are childhood friends of the secondary characters. There is enough detail in this series that I don't desperately need to hear more about Lili and Lewis, Alys and X (and Connor), Jason and Sher Bear. Their stories conclude enough that you will not feel as if you're left hanging.

But if Kelli wrote those stories, I would read them. I can't wait to read whatever she writes next. I know it will be amazing. What a privilege to have jumped on this ride at the beginning.

This book was given to In Patti's Imagination in exchange for an honest review. The review appears on the blog as well as at Amazon. As stated in the review of *No Quarter*, we would have begged to review or have gladly paid for this series, it's that good.

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### **Vanessa says**

What a FABULOUS finish to the series! Full review to come with my tour date of 10/6...

#### **\*\*FULL REVIEW\*\***

*"What do you see in me?" she asked. "Everythin'," I replied, even though she couldn't hear me. Lying down so that we were face-to-face, I said, "I see strength and love...so much love. Baby Girl. A steady stream of it, flowin' out of you and cleansin' the ones who are lucky enough to step foot in it. I see hurt and struggle, acceptance...forgiveness. Oh, Baby..." Leaning forward, I pressed my lips to hers, drowning in her scent, her taste. "I see my future, our future," I said, my lips moving over hers. "And it's so f\* huge, so amazing'. It's all love and love and more love."*

I admit, I read this book directly after finishing *No Quarter*. Which I had read immediately after I read *Over the Hills and Far Away*. Now, with reviewing, it only seems that fair to address the Series first and foremost. I have to say...it was like nothing I've experienced. And yes, I say experience because that's exactly what it felt like. I didn't just read these books, I lived them. I laughed and cried with these people, I felt their words, their emotions, their lives. I can't remember how many times goosebumps covered my skin, water leaked from my eyes, or heat stirred low in my belly.

Kelli Jean does a fabulous job of seamlessly weaving one story into the next. Her words are polished and precise in each book (which I greatly appreciate) to play off her characters' strengths. I felt a part of this misfit family she brought together under various circumstances, like they were my family, my friends. I felt like I experienced every trial, every triumph, every single meditated second. And I loved it.

*"As two halves of one soul must do." With his free hand, he turned my face toward his. His lips were against my own, his breath filling me. "We'll come full circle, you and me."*

So, I can't give you a detailed review about just *The Song Remains the Same* because in my mind, all three books blend so well that I couldn't pinpoint events...all I know is that each conflict presented throughout the series flows; it breaks you and puts you back together again, it makes you see a connection between a man a woman so strong—wait—not just Kenna and Phil, but each couple. Each family member, each friend. There is a connection. One that will straight up flip you out if you aren't careful. It's on a whole different plane...and it's magical. The whole story is magical, and one that will forever live in my heart.

#### **\*\*For the Love of NOLA, Stars\*\***

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## Fre06 Begum says

I enjoyed the series but a few things bugged me like the fact that he cared for Brigid I know he didn't love her but it still bugged me. I couldn't get past him sleeping around and having a relationship with her for 7 months and our heroine waited around for six years until finally having a short lived relationship with Brian. I liked the heroine but wish she wasn't such a goody goody!

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## Jamie says

**I NEED MORE STARS!** \*\*\*\*\*

IT'S LIVE!!!

Amazon

Spoiler Free Review.....

I will start off by saying when I finished the last page of this book, I was overwhelmed with happiness.. but at the same time so sad.. Sad that this was the final book for Phil and Kenna. This couple has come to mean so much to me.... this is that book couple that you will always remember. Their love was overwhelming and true.. their chemistry was beyond elemental.. .. it was to their very core. They were , in every sense, each other's other half...

***My Baby Girl was the epitome of all that was beautiful in my life***

Ok, I know there are so many people that have not read this series ( what the ever lovin hell are you waiting on??!!!) So I'm going to review this one without giving anything away. This book picks up where book two ended. Kenna has gone through something very traumatizing and Phil is scared out of his mind of what this means for his baby girl...

This is a major part of their story.. but there is much more in the road ahead for them. Phil and Kenna went through an awful lot in this time around and my heart was on overdrive and just ached for them. But one thing you never EVER doubt about Phil and Kenna, no matter what happens.. is there love for one another. Love runs no deeper than it does for the madman and his baby girl.

***"Without you, I'd be a hot mess. I'd be lost. You've given me everythin' I've ever dreamed of. You've shown me who I really am, who I want to be. So, whatever I can do to give you everythin' you've ever wanted, I'm more than happy to give it."***

Although the main focus of these 3 books has been Phil and Kenna, the secondary characters are almost as much a part of the story as they are.. Kenna's best friends Alys and Lili are more than just her friends..they are her sisters; and the guys in Phil's band are just as tight with him and they all mesh so awesome together. I swear it is like one big family and I've grown to care so so much about each and every single character. They've each touched my heart..

Kelli has managed to create a rock star world that I just got lost in.. each story is so intense yet hilarious; smokin' hot yet romantic; it was soulful. I do not exaggerate at all when I say that I love all of these characters. If there was a book world I could jump into.. it would be the world that Kelli has created in this series. It's more than just a Rock romance.. so so much more. This series is about love and friendship... what it means to truly love people and be there for them... to fight with them and for them.

If you've not read this series.. you should. You have no idea the amazing story you are missing out on.... You will be swept away into the world of NOLA's Own and you'll be happier for it.

***"My other half.."* "My whole life..."**

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***ARC provided by the fabulous Kelli Jean***

### **Kelli C ~ Jack Sawyer's Heart says**

#### **5+ Nola's Own Stars**

**We'll come full circle, she and I...once more to begin anew"**

Kelli Jean has taken the love story of Phil Devereaux and Kenna MacGregor on the most epic journey beyond the norm. From the initial meeting to the fast forever, they have been soul bound. They breathe and live in one another in complete harmony expanding the realm they exist...but no great love is without struggle.

This final book has no shortage of struggle. From page one devotion is tested, patience is pushed, and lives are forever changed. Tears will be shed as Nola's Junk takes on the world forcing Phil and Kenna battle the elements to survive. Deadly explosions, raging exes, the wrath of Mother Nature, the hard rock life style...nothing will be easy for this Mystic Love to overcome.

I have a deep love and respect for the young, fiery, Kenna. She has always been a survivor...a healer...a greater being. Her connection to Phil is like nothing ever experienced. At such a young age she single handedly grounded and tamed the beast of a man. She gives as good as she gets with both a young energy and old soul. Her love and belief alone has always been enough until her very own soul shatters.

Tragedy and heartbreak are forefront. Now faced with great loss and overwhelming pain, Phil will have to find a way through his own hell to heal the heart of Nola's very own.

I have no way of writing a review that could adequately depict the amazing works Kelli Jean created. From book 1 she captivated my attention. Phil and Kenna are unlike any book couple I have ever experienced. This is not the typical bad boy/good girl romance. It is so ethereal and deep. Their words are lyrical prose and their connection of body while stunningly hot, is complete intimacy perfection.

At the end of this book...the close of the series, I found myself uncharacteristically emotional. It has been a long time since I got "caught up" in a story. Perhaps it was the spiritual essence of Kenna and Phil's love or the belief that a love can exist deeper than the mind can know. Kelli Jean did not take the easy path to forever. This author stayed true to her characters and never let their connection falter, she pushed and bent the hell out of it, but she never let the reader lose faith.

It was an absolute pleasure to experience Phil, Kenna and all of Nola's Junk. Just as books 1 and 2 were...Unique...Sexy...Emotional...Profound...for me, **THE SONG REMAINS THE SAME!**

*\*\*please note quotes used may differ from published work\*\**

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### **E.M. Abel says**

The Song Remains the Same is book 3 in the NOLA's OWN series and it's also my favorite. This story picks up where No Quarter left off and if you thought Phil and Kenna's struggle was over, you were wrong. There's still a whole rollercoaster of emotion waiting for you in this book.

I can't say enough about Kelli Jean's writing. Her words suck you into this world and you find yourself feeling everything. The highs, the lows, the excitement, the love... all of it. I feel like I've had my heart broken and healed and broken again throughout this series. It's been amazing to experience the **CRAZY, BEAUTIFUL, ALL-ENCOMPASSING**, love between Kenna and Phil. Their story is one I'll always remember.

One of my **MOST FAVORITE** things about these books is their authenticity. This isn't a fantasy land where the girl meets the hot rocker and they fight over groupies before finally falling head over heels and riding off into the sunset. No way. This is so much more than that. This is a story with **REAL** heart and soul. It's a realistic portrayal of an irrational love and it's **AMAZING!**

### **I HIGHLY, HIGHLY, HIGHLY recommend this series!!**

MY PHIL... \*sigh\*

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### **Mistress says**

**"What do you see in me?"**

"Everythin' . ."

**WOW**, what a ride! This book was **phenomenal**. From the first sentence to the last, I was enraptured by these mesmerizing characters. The Song Remains the Same is my favorite book out of the NOLA's Own series and I absolutely loved them all, so that is saying a lot.

I'm sad for Phil and Kenna's story to be over, they have come to mean so much to me. I feel like I've lived a whole lifetime with them and **their journey has been crazy-beautiful**.

*""My other half," I whispered against her mouth. "My whole life," she replied."*

This author has a way with words that just makes your soul sing. I love soaking up her **lyrical prowess**. I'm not sure that I have ever highlighted books as much as I have with this series. Just one quote from this story and I will be filled with immense emotion and covered in chills. **NOLA's Own is truly something special**. It's set apart, not your average, everyday read. It is something that will speak to you and stay with you. I love the shocks and surprises in this book. You will stay on your toes while reading this; there is never a dull moment.

I absolutely cannot wait for the next book from this world. All of these characters are amazing in their own way. I especially love Devon. I desperately need more from him. He is highly intriguing and beyond sexy.

NOLA's Own is a journey that I will always remember. This series was not only addicting and entertaining, but it also taught me valuable life lessons that has changed me as a person. Kelli Jean is an author that I will always read. Her voice is unlike any author I know. I can't recommend this book or this series highly enough. Read it, experience it for yourself. You will be glad you did.

*"We ain't over. We ain't ever gonna be over."*

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**Tera Chastain (Co-Creator of The Book Bistro) says**

4.5 Stars ....

Phil and Kenna LOVE so hard and sometimes they can fight just as HARD...it's such a DEEP connection ....they are each other's everything ...and with that comes great responsibility...

~~My sweet woman, give me your pain. Let me take it from you.~~

There is some heavy stuff in this...the third installment of the NOLAs Own series ...it took me places I wasn't expecting at all...Life can turn so quickly ..can change when you least expect it ...  
This whole "clan"...is FAMILY ...they are always there for each other ..I love their dynamic as a group and their characters individually are just as powerful ...

~~ "NOLA's Own," he repeated. "That's who we really are. We aren't junk. We're a clan. A tribe."~~

This whole series is such a great read ...I LOVE all these book...  
there's a lot of back and forth in this one between Phil and His Baby Girl...but they really "come full circle"....and learn to love themselves first so they can truly...wholly love each other ...  
do your self a favor and read this series ...Recommended Reads!! #NOLAsOWN

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### **Jam says**

It's taken me almost a week to calm down enough to review this book because... shit... it fucked me up. As silly as this sounds, I'm an emotional empath. I can't help but vividly feel the emotions and moods of people around me as if they're my own. It's significantly worse with books because I can read the thoughts of characters. So if a character is happy, I'm beyond happy! As I was with the first two books, I felt like I was genuinely in love over the moon giddy! Then we got to this book...

I guess Kelli Jean felt the need to make this a long trilogy but to start off - this book was unnecessary. I could have lived my whole life without this book. I wish she had neatly tied up the last book and left it at that. BUT she didn't so I was left with...

**THE MOST FUCKING DRAMA I'VE EVER EXPERIENCED IN MY WHOLE LIFE!** Wow I was so fucked up after reading this and I told the plot to my sister and she said "the fuck were you reading? General Hospital?? Who needs that much going on?!!". Yes, my dear sister, you are too fuckin right! Who needs that much action?? Certainly not me!

This book was an emotional fucking knock out fight. No rollercoaster here, because at some point a rollercoaster stops or evens out and also you have fun, this book was just an ass whooping. Huge event after huge event after huge event, FUCK! It was exhausting. And not only was the action itself exhausting, but the author was insistent on dragging the two characters through the mud of the worst emotions possible. This books synopsis should be "I took two perfectly happy characters and fucked up their whole lives and they're going to be fucked up forever because of it. Happy reading!" Honestly, how much do two people have to go through in one book!!! (view spoiler)

There were so many fucked up moments amidst the hurricane of ridiculous action (view spoiler). God I'm so tired lmao you could not pay me to recommend this book to someone or read it again.

Horribly dissapointing end to a great trilogy.

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### **Elaine Irwin says**

And its another home run for Kelli Jean. Again Kelli Jean hits it out of the park with the newest addition to NOLA's Own.

These books really affected me. I finished this book in a matter of hours and ended up sitting in my reading chair at the end of it, thinking, "What the hell am I going to do now?"

For full review see my original post: <https://heavenisabookshop.wordpress.c...>

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## Hayley says

If I could give this book more than 5\*s I would. If you haven't read the first two books then what are you waiting for Kelli Jean will transform your reading pleasure and you won't know what has hit you ....

Oh well how do I start this... As you know we are following the fantastic relationship of Phil and Kenna and all the best buddies and band mates of NOLAS Junk, the whole family unit you just wished you were part of.

Well in this book there's a shake up and if you are as devoted to the characters as I am you will be guaranteed to laugh, but you will most definitely shed ugly tears as I have but you will shout the questions WHY ???? Kelli Jean WHY ????

Absolutely fantastic read and a absolute pleasure to read I love Phil and Kenna and there relationship but I think the other characters shine through more in this book and I can't wait to read more loved it .....

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## Wendy ?: ♦●•CCBH Blogger•●♦ says

+++ 6 "TOO FUCKIN' RIGHT" STARS! +++

*"My Baby Girl was the epitome of all that was beautiful in my life."*

**Kelli Jean** has once again managed to steal my *soul* and make me fall in *love* with **Phil and Kenna** all over again. For their love story was **rough** around the edges, but it was the *purest* and *realest* love of all, expanding beyond the **realm of reality**.

The beauty of **Kelli's** writing is that she makes you feel with every turn of the page. It isn't always happiness. There's struggle and with that comes *tears*. Nothing in life is easy and it's an exhausting journey for our beloved couple, but *NOLA's Own* wouldn't be a **family** if it wasn't for their *perseverance* and their *unity*.

**Kenna MacGregor** is humble, beautiful, fierce, sassy, intelligent, loyal and strong beyond words. She's put through the ringer, faced with tragedy, loss and unimaginable *pain*. **Phil** must be her balm to get through the storm.

**Phil Deveraux** continues to surprise me throughout each book. He's a beast of a man and a beautiful **enigma**. I love him with all my heart. He's done a lot of growing up and his love for his Baby Girl never *dies*.

This book was **everything**. It ended with a **BANG** and I couldn't have asked for a better conclusion for **Phil and Kenna**. Their connection to one another is otherworldly. It's mind, body, and soul with intense intimacy

and passion. If you haven't started this series then I strongly recommend you do so now. Trust me you won't be sorry.

*NOLA's Own* has become a part of me and though my heart is heavy as it's the last book in **Phil and Kenna's** journey, I'm immensely happy and humbled to have been apart of this series. I remember first reading *Over the Hills and Far Away* and having my mind completely **blown**. I was **captivated** and these characters soon became special. I know I'm not saying goodbye but see you soon. Thank you so much **Kelli Jean**. I love your face!

**"NOLA's Own,"**

**"That's who we really are. We aren't junk. We're a *clan*. A *tribe*."**

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